

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action. A set of formal drawings is enclosed herewith. No further fees are believed due in regard to the present amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832. Should any questions arise regarding any of the above, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 609-734-9650.

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Marked-up version of the amended claims

1 (Twice Amended) Magneto-optical recording or
reproducing device comprising an information erasing
5 means, and, in the case of recording information, a
writing device, formed from a writing magnet and an
optical scanning device, for overwriting information or
data recorded on a magneto-optical recording medium,
wherein the information erasing means is formed by an
10 erasing magnet having a magnetic field which is directed
opposite to the magnet of the writing device and which
has a field strength sufficient to initialize the
magneto-optical recording medium without the assistance
of a laser.

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10. (Twice Amended) Magneto-optical recording or
reproducing device comprising:

an information erasing means and, in the case of
recording information, a writing device, formed from a
20 writing magnet and an optical scanning device, for
overwriting information or data recorded on a magneto-
optical recording medium;

a first optical scanning device connected to a
writing magnet for recording data on the magneto-optical
25 recording medium;

an erasing magnet having a magnetic field which is
directed opposite to the magnet of the writing device and
having a field strength sufficient for initializing the
magneto-optical recording medium without the assistance
30 of a laser; and

a second optical scanning device for reproducing
information or data stored on the magneto-optical
recording medium, the first and second optical scanning
devices simultaneously recording and reproducing
35 information or data.